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SUBJ: MEETING OF BINATIONAL COMMISSION EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

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1. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BARCELO WILL ATTEND, AND POST WILL FUND CAO VILLARREAL TRAVEL AND PER DIEM.

2. AGREE BARCELO CAN MAKE IMPORTANT CONTIBUTION AT MEETING. WE ALSO PLAN TO HAVE HIM CLOSELY INVOLVED IN TRAINING OF HIS RE-PLACEMENT IF, AS WE EXPECT, THIS TAKES PLACE AT YEAR'S END OR EARLY 1976.

3. COMMISSION'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS LAST YEAR AUTHORIZED CAO, AS CHAIRMAN, TO DETERMINE IF BARCELO SHOULD BE REPLACED IN VIEW HIS HAVING ACQUIRED HEAVY OUTSIDE RESPONSIBILITIES AS DEAN OF FACULTY, UNIVERSITY OF CHILE. UNFORTUNATELY, NO SUITABLE RE-PLACEMENT WAS AVAILABLE THEN AND BARCELO WAS KEPT ON UNDER CLOSE SUPERVISION CAO. (CHAPLIN OF CU/ARA WAS FULLY BRIEFED ON THIS DURING OCTOBER 1974 VISIT TO SANTIAGO). BARCELO'S PERFORM-ANCE OVER PAST FEW MONTHS HAS DECLINED, AS SHOULD BE EVIDENT FROM RECORD OF COMMISSION DELAYS ON VARIOUS ACTIONS, DESPITE CAO EFFORTS KEEP PRESSURE ON BARCELO AND STAFF AND OFTEN TAKINGACTIONS HIMSELF TO AVOID FURTHER DELAYS.

4. CAO HAS DISCUSSED SITUATION WITH BARCELO ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, AND BARCELO AWARE HIS CONTINUATION AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IS TEN-UOUS. CAO NOW HAS TWO VIABLE CANDIDATES UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERA-
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TION BUT WILL NOT HAVE ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER ONE UNTIL END OF DECEMBER OR EARLY JANUARY, AT WHICH TIME BOARD WILL BE ASKED FOR

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ITS APPROVAL, AS WILL EMBASSY AND DEPT. CAO ALSO PLANS TO NOMINATE, FOR THE AMBASSADOR'S APPROVAL, BARCELO TO SERVE ON BOARD IN 1976 SO HIS USEFUL EXPERIENCE WOULD CONTINUE TO BE AVAILABLE TO COMMISSION.

5. APPRECIATE NO MENTION OF CONTEMPLATED CHANGES BE MADE TO BARCELO IN WASHINGTON OR ELSEWHERE, AS THIS COULD UPSET DELICATE BALANCE OF SITUATION ON THIS SIDE.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE RESERVE EFFICIENCY APARTMENT FOR VILLARREAL AT COLUMBIA PLAZA THROUGH RECREATION ASSOCIATION OFFICE. IF UNAVAILABLE, RESERVE SINGLE AT PARK CENTRAL HOTEL. VIALLARREAL PALNS TO ARRIVE WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, AND DEPART O/A OCTOBER 20. FOR BARCELO, PLEASE RESERVE SINGLE AT HOTEL CONVENIENT TO DEPT. BARCELO PLANS TO ARRIVE SATURDAY, OCT 11, AND STAY THROUGH CONFERENCE. APPRECIATE CABLED CONFIRMATIONS. POPPER

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